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Letter dated 23 October 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I am writing to you concerning the information submitted by the Government of Albania regarding the agenda item of the General Assembly entitled "Maintenance of international security". The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has taken note in particular of the statements contained in paragraphs 21 and 22 of the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States (A/50/412/Add.1), where it is stated that Albania "has always implemented and will continue to implement the principles of the Charter of the United Nations" and that its "policy aims at respecting sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and not changing borders by force".

Without any attempt to dwell upon other parts of the information submitted by Albania, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia underlines the political significance of the statements contained therein and expects that consequently Albania shall revoke, as a matter of urgency, the decision of the People's Assembly of the Republic of Albania of 22 October 1991, enclosed herewith (see annex), on the recognition of the Province of Kosovo and Metohija, an integral part of the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as a sovereign and independent State.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 81.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Statement made on 22 October 1991 by the People's Assembly of Albania

The People's Assembly of the Republic of Albania learned of the result declared by the Central Commission of the Assembly of Kosova, namely, the full success of the referendum for the approval of the resolution of this Assembly, through which the Republic of Kosova is defined as a sovereign and independent State, on the basis of freedom and complete equality with all other peoples. The People's Assembly of the Republic of Albania considers the resolution completely right, legitimate and based on fundamental international democratic principles such as those enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris. The People's Assembly of the Republic of Albania has also noted the decision to create a new provisional government of the Republic of Kosova, with Dr. Bujar Bukushi as its Chairman.

Through this historic act, the People of Kosova, as the most ancient people and the third as regards number of people living in their territories in Yugoslavia, and their legitimate organ of State power, the Assembly of Kosova, will go on making their contribution to the solution of the Yugoslav crisis through democratic means and to the consolidation of the democratic spirit, security and stability of the Balkans and Europe.

The People's Assembly of the Republic of Albania recognizes the Republic of Kosova as a sovereign and independent State, on the basis of freedom and complete equality with all other peoples. It also recognizes as legitimate the new provisional government of the Republic of Kosova under the direction of Dr. Bujar Bukushi. It appeals to democratic international opinion and the member countries of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to recognize and observe the legitimate will of the Albanian people of Kosova. This would be another proof of their sincere engagement and without prejudice to a correct resolution of the Yugoslav crisis.